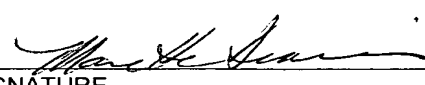


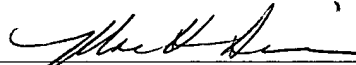
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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/006453 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 23, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE July 1, 2002 |
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| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SANAKA, Tsutomu; WAKABAYASHI, Maki; SANO, Yukihiro | | |
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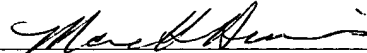
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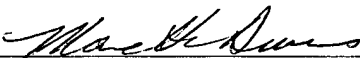
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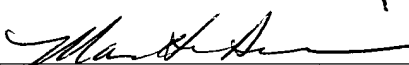
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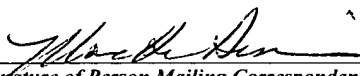
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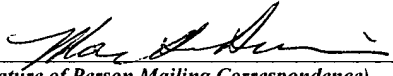

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